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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2022 3:57 PM  
**To:** JudTestimony  
**Cc:** zRepresentative Devin Carney; Senator Needleman  
**Subject:** MY TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee:

I find almost everything about this bill offensive.

Governor Lamont is clearly out of touch. About 70% of gun offenses in Connecticut today are not prosecuted. The majority of firearm related crimes in the state are committed by criminals and not law abiding citizens. Yet the governor has the gall to say that in Connecticut there are "too many guns"?

Now at this time he wants to violate our Constitution when previously he was pushing for limiting police engagement! This part of the bill has been defeated clearly as being at risk for profiling. What is going on here?

I also find it offensive that he wants to fund a Statewide Firearms Trafficking Task Force! My law abiding friends and I have said this for many years and every year your politicians have rejected the idea. This appears to be politics in motion!

Did you know that 2020 and 2021 set records for new legal permit holders all over the country? Yes, these new law-abiding gun owners are all ages, genders, races, sexual orientation and political affiliations. Not so obvious, Governor Lamont is out of touch.

I ask you to REJECT Senate Bill 16, as much of it is unconstitutional AND banning these firearms and accessories will have absolutely no effect on firearm crime in Connecticut. ( GUN FREE ZONES ) MEAN NOTHING TO THE CRIMINALS AS THEY ARE THE ONES WHO DO NOT OBEY OUR LAWS. THEY WILL HAVE NO FEAR THAT ANY ARMED CITIZENS WOULD BE ENCOUNTERED. THIS WILL PUT OUR CITIZENS IN MORE DANGER BECAUSE THEY CANNOT DEFEND THEMSELVES!!!!!!

IN addition, I also **OPPOSE** H.B. No. 5416 – AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS. This proposed law would not affect the acquisition of illegally trafficked firearms.

I **SUPPORT** Raised S.B. No. 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE. WHAT IS SELF DEFENSE?????? IF I AM NOT ALLOWED TO DEFEND MYSELF, THEN WHO WILL????

I **SUPPORT** Raised H.B. No. 5415 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES. This law would only infringe further on our law abiding citizens' Constitutional rights.

I **SUPPORT** Raised H.B. No. 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP. It is very possible that trying to retreat in this situation will put yourself in greater danger than if you STOOD YOUR GROUND AGAINST THE ARMED CRIMINAL.

Sincerely,

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